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Mr. Art Compton  
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Re: TMDL Approvals  
*Middle Blackfoot – Nevada Creek*

Dear Mr. Compton:

We have completed our review of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) as submitted by your office for the Middle Blackfoot – Nevada Creek TMDL Planning Area (TPA). The TMDLs are included in the document entitled *Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDLs and Water Quality Improvement Plan* transmitted to us for review and approval in correspondence dated August 29, 2008, and signed by you. In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et. seq.*), we approve all aspects of the TMDLs as developed for the Middle Blackfoot – Nevada Creek TPA. Enclosure 1 to this letter provides a summary of the elements of the TMDLs and Enclosure 2 provides details of our review of the TMDLs.

Based on our review, we feel the separate TMDL elements listed in Enclosure 2 adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety. In approving these TMDLs, EPA affirms that the TMDLs have been established at levels necessary to attain and maintain the applicable water quality standards and have the necessary components of approvable TMDLs.



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Thank you for submitting these TMDLs for our review and approval. If you have any questions, the most knowledgeable person on my staff is Jim Ruppel and may be reached at 303-312-6846.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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